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Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" The Hon. Minister says that green manure can be taken under permits from all the forests in Gingee taluk. Sir, during the year 1952–53, permits were issued to carry green manure only in respect of Karai reserve forest. May I know whether the Government will enquire why permits were denied in respect of other forests? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In 1952–53, free removal of green manure was allowed not only in Karai forest but also in Muthukadu, Gangavaram, Siruvadi and Adukkam forests."

Conference of the members of the panchayat boards in Malabar and South Kanara.

* 702 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions relating to the difficulties and disabilities of panchayat boards passed at the Conference of members of the panchayat boards in Malabar and South Kanara, held in 1954 ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to Question No. 994 answered on the 30th March 1954."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" There is considerable dissatisfaction about the way the Panchayat Boards are functioning. Obviously the finances are short of the responsibilities entrusted to them. Will the Government constitute a committee to enquire into the working of the whole Panchayat Act? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" We will certainly go into it."

Appointment of Revenue Divisional Officers in Tanjore district.

* 703 *Q.*—Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the posts of Revenue Divisional Officers were filled up in Tanjore district ;

(*b*) how many of the persons appointed were in the eligible list ;

(*c*) whether there are any persons belonging to the Backward Classes among them ; and

(*d*) the procedure adopted in the matter of filling up these posts?